Visual Artist KAREN FITZGERALD RECOGNIZED WITH \$5,000 CITY ARTISTS CORPS GRANT FROM NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS (NYFA) AND THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCLA)

Karen Fitzgerald Will Present *What The Light Saw Redux* at her studio, August 6 & 7, 2021, as Part of the Award Program

New York, NY – Visual Artist KAREN FITZGERALD is one of 500 New York City-based artists to receive \$5,000 through the <u>City Artist Corps Grants</u> program, presented by <u>The New York Foundation for the Arts</u> (NYFA) and <u>the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs</u> (DCLA), with support from <u>the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment</u> (MOME) as well as Queens Theatre.

Fitzgerald was recognized for **What The Light Saw Redux** which will bring contemporary paintings to the Long Island City neighborhood in Queens on August 6th (noon-8:30pm) & 7th (11am-8:30pm.)

The public is invited to visit the artist's studio at 3151 12th Street, 2nd floor, Long Island City, NY 11106 to view this work, as well as to visit with the artist. The artwork was produced during the pandemic, and offers a profound experience when viewed in person. *Pandemic best practices will be observed. Please call* 646.369.7184 for additional information, or visit https://fitzgeraldart.com/what-the-light-saw/

Over the course of three award cycles, more than 3,000 artists will receive \$5,000 grants to engage the public with artist activities across New York City's five boroughs this summer and fall. Artists can use the grant to create new work or phase of a work, or restage preexisting creative activities across any discipline.

Members of the public can participate in City Artist Corps Grants programming by following the hashtag #CityArtistCorps on social media.

City Artist Corps Grants was launched in June 2021 by NYFA and DCLA with support from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) as well as Queens Theatre. The program is funded by the \$25 million New York City Artist Corps recovery initiative announced by Mayor de Blasio and DCLA earlier this year. The grants are intended to support NYC-based working artists who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. It is strongly recommended that a portion of the grant be used to support artist fees, both for the applying artist and any other artist that are engaged to support the project.

The Cycle 2 application will open on Tuesday, July 6 at 10:00 AM EDT and will close on Tuesday, July 20 at 10:00 AM EDT. The Cycle 3 application will open on Tuesday, July 27 at 10:00 AM EDT and close on Tuesday, August 10 at 10:00 AM EDT. Please visit NYFA's website for full details and eligibility requirements.